

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
August 5, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at the Jasper Arts Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Doug Abbett, Ann Hilgefort, Michael Jones, Sylvia Metzger, Myra Schuetter, and Don Weisheit. **Commission Members Absent:** Norma Kreilein, Robin Norris, Don Routson, Mickey Seger, and Pat Thyen. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Amy Laakman, and Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator:** Jill Watson. **City Attorney:** Sandy Hemmerlein. **Guests in attendance:** Jasper Herald reporter: Laura Gleason, Dubois County Art Guild representatives Alice Kemper and Susan Gosman Taylor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ann Hilgefort moved to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2008 meeting. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Financial Statement

Doug Abbett moved to approve the financial statement. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims

City claims in the amount of \$12,944.24 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$1250.00 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Doug Abbett** to accept the claims as presented. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Mike Jones read a proclamation from the Mayor to the Dubois County Art Guild representatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- The season guide has been mailed to the season subscribers. It has also been mailed to approximately 2800 people on the mailing list. The website has received over 51,000 hits last month.
- The Arts Center is on the short list to host the Gubernatorial Debate. Limited seating will be an issue and tickets will have to be issued. Security is being discussed. This is being co-sponsored with VUJC. **Doug Abbett** made a motion to offer the facility to the committee free of charge. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 6-0. There is a possibility that a Congressional Debate may be held here on October 21st. **Ann Hilgefort** made a motion to offer the facility free of charge. **Doug Abbett** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Building & Structures Report

Doreen reported.

- The dance floor materials are in. Work will begin within the next two weeks.
- The roofing materials are also here. They are waiting for good weather to begin work.
- Discussion was held on the possibility of getting an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). **Mike Jones** made a motion to reallocate funds at the end of the year, if available, to buy an AED. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Education Report

Kit reported for Donna.

- School registrations are being held this week. Kit gave board members the line up for the Education Series performances.

Visual Arts Report

Amy reported.

- The Art Guild exhibit has been very well received.
- Amy is in the planning stages for the Fall Workshops. They will be held from October 6th thru November 13th. There will be adult potter's wheel, jewelry making and oil painting classes. There will be several one day classes for the family, including a family collage, silk painting and decopauge classes. There will be a children's jewelry class, clay classes, and preschool classes.
- The juried art show will be in September.

Region 11 Report

Jill reported.

- The Regional Grants Ceremony will be held during the week of Mauvais Sort. Invitations will be mailed out.
- The IAC sent out a press release regarding an Arts Education Grant. There is extra money from the NEA, to be put towards arts education in schools. Jill has sent information to all the regional superintendents. She has heard back from a couple that are very interested in applying for the grant. Jill will offer her services to help all interested in applying for the grant.

Old Business

- Last year Kimball made an offer to donate a Bosendorfer piano. Kimball has been storing it. Options were discussed about what to do with the piano. Nothing definite was decided.
- Kit distributed the strategic plan summary. Board Members were encouraged to look it over and make any further suggestions.
- The fundraising committee is waiting on the summary before going any further.
- Kit stated that 2% had to be cut from the 2009 budget which amounted to \$11,500.

New Business

- There was no new business to discuss.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm without a motion, due to the fact that a board member left and a quorum no longer existed.

Mike Jones

Attested